

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 13, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRAGG made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 280.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas M. Newell, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears that the memorialist was a master commandant in the United States navy, and that by the decision of a court-martial, he was, on the 15th October, 1834, suspended for two years from his command, nothing being said about his pay. One half of his monthly pay was however stopped at the Treasury Department.

The Court of Claims decided in the year 1856, that his pay was illegally withheld, and reported a bill in his favor for the sum of \$1,455, being the amount detained, which was passed by Congress, and the money paid to him in the month of March, 1857.

He now asks that interest shall be paid to him on the said sum from the 15th of October, 1836, when the same was due, to the month of March, 1857, when it was paid, especially as he had been compelled to pay interest to the government upon a debt due to it, the facts in relation to which he sets out in his memorial.

The committee are of opinion that as the amount due to him was illegally detained, and was an ascertained liquidated sum, he should be allowed interest, and therefore report a bill for his relief, and recommend that it do pass.

